

Procedures for the renewal of cultural landmarks

Abstract

In the preamble to the Constitution of the Czech Republic, the citizens of the state have undertaken to jointly protect and develop the inherited cultural heritage, including cultural landmarks. One of the fundamental instruments for the protection of cultural landmarks is their renewal. This thesis aims to describe the current legal regulation of procedures for the renewal of cultural landmarks. It also evaluates whether the legislation ensures sufficient protection of cultural landmarks in the context of their renewal.

The subject of landmark conservation and renewal of cultural landmarks has been a relevant topic for many years. At present, this area is attracting increased attention due to the adoption of the new Building Act and related amendments which modify some of the provisions of the Act on State Landmark Conservation.

The thesis consists of an introduction, five parts and a conclusion. The first part of the thesis briefly defines the basic sources of the law of cultural landmark conservation and renewal of cultural landmarks. The second part is focused on the organizational structure of state landmark conservation, which mainly includes the bodies of State Landmark Conservation and the National Heritage Institute. The third part of the thesis is dedicated to the essential terminology in the context of the renewal of cultural landmarks.

The fourth part of the thesis aims to describe the procedures involved in the renewal of cultural landmarks. The chapters address the preliminary steps prior to submitting a request for a decision or binding opinion, the administrative procedure, the statement of the National Heritage Institute, the decision-making activities of the bodies of State Landmark Conservation, the related building permit procedure, and legal remedies. An equally important part of the thesis is the fifth part, which focuses on the funding of the renewal of cultural landmarks. The author presents critical reflections on the current legal regulation of the renewal of cultural landmarks, which are summarised in the conclusion of the thesis along with suggestions for their improvement.

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